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# The Shining son

NOVEMBER 2010

## Keep Persevering in Prayer

What a beautiful fall we have been having. Most of the crops are in and so far there haven't been any accidents that I know of. Praise the Lord.

A couple weeks ago, the Gospel was on persevering in prayer. It reminded me of the story of the old mule named Homer. Or the two frogs that jump into the bucket of cream.

I hope some of you remember how they persevered and how Homer was able to get out of the well and the frogs out of the bucket of cream. It was through persevering.

That is what we have to do too. We have to persevere in our prayer life. We will eventually get our prayers answered by God. But, of course it is not always when and what we want to hear. God

keeps reminding us to ask and we shall receive. Seek and we will find and knock and the door will be open.

In my homily on the topic, I mentioned the young Italian who was blind. He attended church and received communion everyday for three years, praying that his sight would be restored.

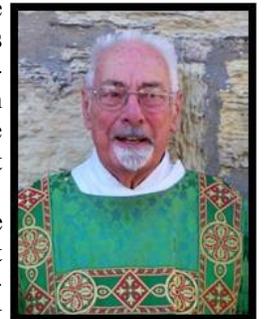
Finally, one day after receiving the Blessed Sacrament, he sight was restored. He was joyful and immediately knelt in front of the tabernacle to give praise and thanks to our almighty God.

I also spoke of a local man, who was blinded by an industrial accident when he was 18 years old. He continued to persevere in his prayers along with the doctors who performed operation after operation. Thirty some years later, he received some

of his sight back. He, too, has given thanks and praise to Almighty God. He was able to see his children for the first time.

We must remember that God is always there for us. He has his hand reaching down to help us. All we have to do is to reach out to him. His love is always there for us. His love is unconditional. He loves us always.

Will we share his love with our friends by signing them up to attend a TEC weekend or do some "wheat" for the program?



## TEC Founders to Receive National Youth Award



Father Matt Fedewa and Dorothy Gereke, founders of

the TEC Movement, will receive the National Youth Ministry Recognition Award in the Lifetime Achievement category in recognition of their lasting achievements through the

TEC Movement.

This award is given to

those who exhibit behaviors and practices that serve as a model to others involved in ministry with young people.

The NFCYM will present these awards during the NCCYM on Friday, December 10, 2010 at the 4:30-6:00 p.m. General Session in New Orleans, Louisiana.

To send Father Matt or Dorothy a note of congratulations, please send emails to: [mjfedewa@comcast.net](mailto:mjfedewa@comcast.net) and [dorothyann@bellsouth.net](mailto:dorothyann@bellsouth.net).

## Pass It On . . . A Note From Brenda

Brenda Barnickel, Lay Director

Wheat! Wheat! We Love Wheat!

Wheat is the sharing of our loving sacrifices in union with the Lord's Passion.

To do Wheat is to step into the flow of Christ's redemptive love and allow it to be channeled through us. It is a generous expression of our willingness to live the gift-love that is the heart of the Paschal Mystery.

Wheat can be done in a variety of ways for the good of the program. Some levels have a short term commitment, while others have a deeper longer term of dedication and service.

Are you interested in being on a Team or a Wheat Team? These levels of Wheat are of a different calling.

One involves more commitment than the other. I'd like to share some details and ask you to give some thought and prayer to filling out an application.

The leaders forming teams will not know to call unless you communicate your interest. Applications are available on our website at [www.peterstowntec.com](http://www.peterstowntec.com).

If you should submit an application, but not get called right away, don't lose heart. God's call will be at the right time. If you do get called, but circumstances won't allow you to commit to the upcoming dates, that doesn't mean you have lost out on the opportunity of ever being on a Team or Wheat Team. Applications are kept on file until you fulfill a position on either

type of team. If you would like to participate again, you'll need to complete a new updated application.

Teams begin formation six to eight weeks prior to the first team meeting. There are five team meetings to prepare for each TEC weekend, which are on Wednesday nights and last from about 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

It is very important that you clear your schedule to attend all of these meetings. The team arrives at the TEC Center on Friday night of the TEC weekend and stays through until 4 pm on Monday.

There are a variety of positions on a team. Meditations are given by all the adults, some young adults and some teens. Some meditations are required to be given by Catholics. An adult can be on a team without having had the candidate experience.

After serving on a team, you may be considered for the progression to assistant leader, and some day leader of a TEC weekend.

Wheat Teams begin formation weeks before the first Team Meeting. Participation is started through prayerful support of the Team attending weekly meetings.

The Wheat Team has only two meetings, also held on Wednesday nights, the two weeks prior to a TEC weekend. Members must attend both of these meetings, except in the case of college students where driving distance is great.

Wheat Teams are co-ed and consist of a leader, assistant

leader, spiritual leader, and up to six to seven Wheaties.

Co-ed consists of a balance in adult men and women combined with boy and girl teens. Our facility doesn't allow for the co-ed Wheat Teams to stay overnight; therefore, part of their Wheat is driving to and from the TEC Center each day.

Wheat Team members must commit to being at the TEC Center a l l



day on Saturday and Sunday of a TEC weekend. Friday night and Monday are optional, allowing flexibility for TECites to remain involved but not miss school or work.

A TECite can be on a Wheat Team before a regular Team and teens are encouraged to do so.

After serving as a Wheatie, you may be considered for the progression to assistant leader, and some day leader of a Wheat Team.

The TEC program needs your involvement to keep it strong! We need TECites to progress in their involvement and eventually commit to being leaders of Teams and Wheat Teams. Christ is Counting on You to Pass It On!!

# TEC REBOOST

Do you feel that you tend to lose that “fire” in between Follow Ups and TEC weekends?

Starting in January 2011 we will have an extra regular, monthly, Sunday evening gathering added to the TEC calendar called TEC REBOOST.

Mark your calendars for January 9th, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the TEC Center gym.

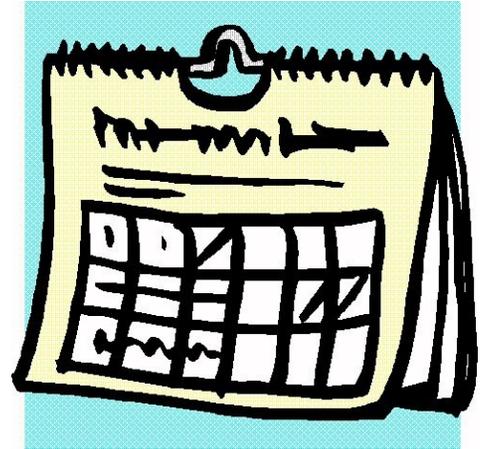
Watch for more details in our December newsletter

## Important TEC Dates

Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the TEC Hilton, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The following are the important dates:  
 + **Nov. 14:** Follow-up at 5:30p.m.  
 + **Nov. 23:** Council Meeting at 6p.m. and Deadline for TEC 172 candidate applications

+ **Dec. 4-6:** TEC 172 (Girls)  
 + **Dec. 5:** Hoot Mass at 5:30p.m.  
 + **Dec. 12:** Follow-up at 5:30p.m.  
 + **Dec. 14:** Spiritual Core Team Meeting at 6:30p.m.



## Meet TECites of TEC 171...



On behalf of the entire TEC Community, we would like to welcome the newest TECites of TEC 171.

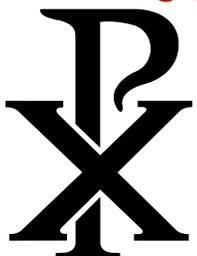
The weekend was held Nov. 6-8, under the direction of Leader Phil Grant and Assistant Leaders Duane Krzyzek

and Jack Kusek.

New TECites include: oel Inciong, Collin Reeder, Dominic Passini, Jake Ries, Alex Niewinski, Clay Caputo, Milos Varadinac, Anthony Schneider, Drake O'Donnell, Omar Garza, Bryce Erbes, JP Perona, Adam Burgess, Kevin Alleman, Rhodes Garland, and Nathan Kapraun.



## ...Team of TEC 172



The Team of TEC 172 have begun their formation for the Dec. 4-6. The team is under the direction of Jeanne Fitzpatrick and Assistant Leaders Mary Beth Rice and Kim Goodbred.

Other members include Deacon Vince Slomian, Doug Clinton, Jyll Pozzi, Kathy Hoscheid, Dan O'Connor, Father Ron Dodd, Sister Elaine Lange, Denise Bauer, Shelby Casey, Jheri Em-

merling, Maria Escatel, Tom and Mary Heitmann, Jessica Leimbach, Christine Mattern, Hannah Monroe, Ashley Pietrowski, Jenna Sobin, and Whitney Thompson.

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# Always Give Thanks to the Lord



O God, source and giver of all things,  
You manifest your infinite majesty,  
power and goodness  
In the earth about us:  
We give you honor and glory.  
For the sun and the rain,  
For the manifold fruits of our fields:  
For the increase of our herds and

flocks,  
We thank you.  
For the enrichment of our souls  
with divine grace,  
We are grateful.  
Supreme Lord of the harvest,  
Graciously accept us and the  
fruits of our toil,  
In union with Jesus, your Son,  
As atonement for our sins,  
For the growth of your Church,  
For peace and love in our homes,  
And for salvation for all.  
We pray through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

— From *Living God's Justice: Reflections and Prayers*, compiled by The Roundtable Association of Diocesan Social Action Directors



## Thank you!

Gloria Stremlau, former Lay Director for the TEC Program, would like to express her many thanks to all those who offered prayers, sent cards, and attended her 80th birthday open house.